

Dear Directors,

We are delighted that you will be attending the 2022 KC Championships Saturday, September 24, 2022. Our goal is to provide the students, directors and parents a positive experience with our festival. This is our eighth year for the event, and we have hopefully adjusted some of the issues we had in the past.

This letter will hopefully provide more detailed information about our festival. If you have further questions, please email or call so that you and your students are set for success.

ADJUDICATION:

We will be using the Bands of America judging sheets for this festival. We will have 7 judges for prelims. They will judge Music Individual, Music Ensemble, Music Effect, Visual Individual, Visual Ensemble and Visual Effect. The judges will change captions between Morning and Evening Shows. (One music judge will do Music Effect in both shows)

We will provide a director's viewing area on the patio on the North side of the press box. It's located about the 35 or 40 yard line. Please only use this directors' viewing area when your Ensemble is performing to allow directors the ability to communicate with their staff during their performance. We will use the timing pattern like Bands of America. Please be mindful of the timing and keep us on course for the festival. Penalties will be incurred for bands that delay the show.

BUS/EQUIPMENT TRUCKS AND BUS PARKING:

Buses need to come down Adam's Dairy Parkway and be in the middle lane and turn down **Ryan Road** and not the stop light. All buses and trucks will enter through Ryan Road and then parked. A police officer or band parent will meet you to escort you to the parking lot. Please share this with your bus drivers and truck drivers before you arrive. All the bands will be assigned a parking lot. We are limited for space, and we need your patience with our parking area. There WILL NOT be a place to feed your band by your buses. Please tell your bus and truck drivers to please listen and be polite to the parking help. We will do our best to provide enough space for you and your program, but we also have 17 other bands to be sure they can fit into the lot after you arrive. Every band usually has other parents that use cars and provide valuable help to the buses and equipment truck, but please use the lot for only the buses/trucks. Space will be extremely limited. Your parent help will need to park in the spectator parking.

BUS PARKING SHOULD BE EASIER WITH OUR NEW PARKING LOTS BUT YOU MAY NEED TO HAVE MORE PATIENCE THAN YEARS PAST TO ALLOW US TO ACCOMMODATE EVERYONE.

TICKETS/PASSES:

Each band will receive 20 passes for you to use how you would like. These passes are for staff and or parent volunteers. Tickets for the festival will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for student in K-12.

Under age 5 is free. There will only be one ticket for **ALL DAY**.

BAND CHECK-IN:

Once your band is parked, please come to the band check in between the stadium and the high school to get your packet. Mr. Josh Hurt will be there to hand you a packet and answer any questions you may have.

Your packet will include:

- Wrist Bands for students
- Wrist Bands for Staff/support/parents
- Map of campus
- Performance order

BAND WARM-UP:

The winds/battery warm-up will be located across the street from South. It will be on the turf field or softball or baseball field. Your band will get 45 minutes to use how you prefer to warm-up. Bands must use **ONLY** the warm-up area to warm-up. Absolutely **NO** playing of any instruments by the buses. **NO** visual warm-up near the buses (it will be too tight and become a safety hazard). If you need more time, there are fields across from the school. Note: It is across a very major road, so please use the stop light to cross. You may use jam blocks and metronomes during warmup. Please try to face the metronome away from Blue Springs South. We will secure the tennis courts for the guard to warm-up again this year. The tennis courts are city courts, and they can't be "reserved" for the color guard units, but we will do everything we can to have that space available for you. We will share if we have secured the courts at check in.

The front ensemble warm-up is on the North side of the high school. This will allow the front ensemble to roll to the gate early and it will be an easier transition. Please no battery with the front ensemble due to the proximity to the stadium, as we do not want to disrupt another performance. The front ensemble will need help getting from the bus parking to the warm-up, but the roll to the stadium is downhill and should be pretty easy. You may use jam blocks and metronomes. Please face the metronome away from Blue Springs South. Face all speakers to the west so we do not disrupt the performances on the field. If a performance on the field is interrupted a penalty (.1-100) will be assessed at the distraction of the festival manager.

FIELD PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:

We will be using the Bands of America system to start bands on the field. 45 seconds before your performance time the announcement will begin. The announcement will be:

Joining us from _____ is the _____ high school marching band. Their show is titled _____ and will feature the following music selections _____, _____, _____. The Kansas City Championships is proud to present in prelims performance drum major(s) _____, _____, _____ and the _____ high school (Band nickname).

Bands are scheduled every 15 minutes. You will have 4 minutes total to set up prior to your performance and no more than 11 minutes to perform. Please exit the field in a timely manner so the next band can be setting up at the same time. We encourage you to not set up too much before your 4 minutes as students may stand for a long time before the announcement of your band. We won't begin early. We will remain on our time schedule for the event.

The bands will enter down the hill from the north and will exit the flat roll to the south of the stadium.

If you need power on the back-sideline email khansen@bssd.net asap!

MOTORIZED VEHICLES IN THE STADIUM:

NO motor vehicles will be allowed on the artificial turf. You may drive your vehicle on the track, but there is a big hill that leads down to the stadium and you may not need the motorized vehicle.

PROPS:

If you are using props that are being brought to the field by parents and not students, they will enter from the South side of the field. They will exit back out the south side of the stadium with the rest of your band. We will stage the props inside the fence when the previous band is on the field to help with the flow. Please remain on the track until your band is ready to perform. If your students bring prop onto the field, they will need those props at warm-up. If you have large props or many props, please email khansen@bssd.net and we can work out a solution asap so we can have a plan for you.

RESTROOMS/CHANGING AREAS:

We will have bathrooms in the concession stand right next to the bus parking. We don't have a good place for changing rooms, however. Your students will need to use these bathrooms for

their changing rooms. Please remind them to be courteous of other students and patrons using the restrooms. Thank you.

AWARDS/Morning/Evening:

Morning Show Awards AND Evening Show Awards will be drum major only this year. With 13 band in the evening show we don't have room for a full retreat. This will also help our bands traveling long distances to get home a little earlier.

The Morning Show will have the following awards:

Class A: 1st, 2nd and Best Music, Best Visual and Overall General Effect

Class AA: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Best Music, Best Visual and Overall General Effect

Class AAA: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Best Music, Best Visual and Overall General Effect

Class AAAA: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Best Music, Best Visual and Overall General Effect

The Evening Show will have the following awards:

Evening will be open class. All 15 bands will receive a trophy for their placement. Caption awards will also be awarded for Best Music, Best Visual and Best General Effect for finals.

FEEDING AND WATERING YOUR BAND:

Many of you are planning to feed your band during the event. These extra tables and space should be placed with the general flow of other bands in consideration. Space near the buses will be tight. There is a park nearby that may be used. Please be aware others as you prepare for the meals. There is a park on the north side of Blue Springs South if you would like more room.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

BJ Johnson Photography will be taking pictures of individual field performances.

www.bjohnsonphotography.com

We are so excited to see you and your students. Best of luck and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Kenny Hansen